

Senator Scott's pictures are on all the poles, fence rails and barns along the public highways again. Not being a judge of masculine good looks we are not prepared to say whether the motorists' prospect has been enhanced or not.

Not much has been heard from the Hon. Holmes thus far in the campaign. Evidently he is waiting for those whom the outrageous tax bill he voted for hit hardest to post "No Trespassing" notices before he starts hunting for votes.

This week the Centre county courts has been disposing of such a flood of liquor cases as would indicate that intoxicants can be found at every cross-roads in the county. Next week Mr. Pinchot will probably be standing on the court house steps telling those who want to hear such flap-doodle that the country is dry.

Mr. Pinchot expects every Republican to vote for him because it is the duty of every Republican to support the Grand Old Party, that is, the duty of every Republican except himself. His record is to the effect that he supports anybody and anything he likes and when it suits his purpose to do otherwise the Grand Old Party stuff doesn't cut much figure.

According to partially completed census statistics there are 1632 farms in Centre county. The same statistics claim we had 2105 farms here in 1925 and 2295 farms in 1920. Of course it would be reasonable to say that government statistics are wrong, but otherwise who is going to tell us where those 663 farms have gone to. Surely they haven't been eaten up by grass-hoppers or gone to smut and blown away.

There is every indication that the managers who have assumed the job of having Mr. Hoover re-elected President in 1932 are jockeying for an ambiguous "wet" or "dry" plank in his platform. There are those who go so far as to say that Mr. Hoover will run on a "slightly moist" program. We don't believe that—not when there is a chance to fool the people like Pinchot is fooling Pennsylvanians today. This thing of running on a platform built by the Anti-Saloon League according to specifications designed by the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment makes political sailing too easy for either Mr. Hoover or Mr. Pinchot to take an honest stand on either side of the question.

The finest crop of potatoes we have seen thus far this season were being raised last Saturday on Earl Frantz's farm in Sugar Valley, Clinton county. They were Michigan Russets. Earl didn't treat his seed or spray. He just planted an acre and got back one hundred and twenty-five bushels of as nice potatoes as anyone could hope to raise. In our opinion many of them were too nice. Too big for handy domestic use. But why bring that up in an age when the popular impression is that the bigger the better. We'd get nowhere if we stimulated argument between the people who pare potatoes and those who have seen the little ones in the pot go all to mush before the big ones are soft enough at the heart for a fork to slide easily into. We know how you are going to answer that. You are going to say: Why not cut the big ones up before putting them into the pot. And then we want to answer: Why big potatoes at all?

If we don't know or won't drive our automobile according to law our license is revoked, we are fined or put in jail. If we underfeed our horse, beat our wife or maltreat our children some arm of the law grabs us. We can drink all the liquor we can get our hands on and we get nothing but envy, while the luckless accessory before the fact is dragged into court and takes "the rap." This shouldn't be so. It isn't even justice. The law should be more concerned with people who drink too much than with those who supply them with drink. That's the attitude of Sweden on the drink problem and while we have never been there we imagine the results are beneficial. If a person doesn't drink enough to make a nuisance or menace of himself what harm has been done? If he does, he needs attention. If his family and his friends can't persuade him to drink like a gentleman then the law should step in. And if there was a law like they have in Sweden to step in we know a lot of men and women right here in Centre county who would be so busy carrying delicacies up to Dep Dunlap's apartment house, for their sons and daughters, that they wouldn't have time to listen to their pet Pinchot telling how dry he is. In Fort Matilda, on Monday, one of the foremost business men of that community said to us: "I don't admire Pinchot, but I am dry and I intend to vote for him." He was honest in his determination. We gave him that, but he was like too many others, he doesn't believe that Pinchot is a political soldier of fortune and he thinks that "man-made laws can do what only those made by God were expected to do.

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The Views of a Statesman.

If any intelligent man or woman ever entertained a doubt as to the fitness of John M. Hemphill for the office of Governor of Pennsylvania, or any other office within the gift of the people, a careful reading of his recently published statement of his views on the subject of prohibition enforcement will dispel it. The Philadelphia Record, of Sunday last, contained expressions of the views of both Gifford Pinchot and Mr. Hemphill on this subject, and presumably both gentlemen revealed their real reasons for the attitudes they have taken. Mr. Pinchot talks in the language of a fanatic. The "end justifies the means," according to his reasoning, even though the means express a greater evil than the cause.

At the outset Mr. Hemphill declares that "temperance is a laudable aim and prohibition enforcement might be justified if it were successful; that liquor must be the subject of either prohibitory or regulatory laws; that the corner saloon is undesirable and its elimination a boon to society. But plain as these truths are the remedy is not in legislation that is impossible to enforce and the existence of which destroys the fundamental structure upon which our system of government is based. The federal constitution creates and provides for a government of three equal parts and forbids the encroachment of either upon the prerogatives of the others. The Eighteenth amendment destroys this equilibrium and nullifies the provision of the contract which defines the relative powers of the National and State governments.

Mr. Hemphill says: "If the local power is to be appropriated by the Federal entity there is a tendency toward empire and the delicate balance between State and Nation that was so thoughtfully and carefully built in 1789 begins to be completely destroyed and in its place there begins to be set up that which the free people of America will never permit and that which in the developing history of mankind has become the most discredited of all forms of government, a bureaucratic and autocratic empire. A people no longer are free if they cannot make and change their laws having to do with their local police questions from time to time." This fact is so palpable that it needs no support.

Maybe revolution has taken on epidemic proportions in the Latin-American regions.

Difference in Method of Campaigning

The wide difference in the methods of campaigning of the two major party candidates for Governor, John M. Hemphill and Gifford Pinchot, is challenging public attention. Mr. Hemphill, a distinguished lawyer, appeals modestly to the intelligence of the voters, not as an individual but as the representative of a code of principles expressed in the platform of his party. He favors, and in the event of his election will endeavor to procure, local self-government, honest elections, decreased taxation, old age pensions, the abolition of the coal and iron police and just government economically administered. As has been said in these columns he is winning both enthusiastic support and admiration.

On the other hand Mr. Pinchot, in imperial fashion, is traveling over the State promising impossible and absurd things, as though already in commission and invested with potential powers to do anything that fancy or imagination may suggest. He has already appointed a fact-finding commission to report after the election and made tours of inspection wherever he has heard of a grievance, thus trying to convey an impression that he will cure every past, present and future evil. This palpable insult to public intelligence is getting for him neither support nor admiration. As the chairman of the Liberal party has said, he is defeating himself by his foolish promises.

In his previous term as Governor Mr. Pinchot never tried to procure reform ballot legislation until after he quarreled with Vare in the middle of his tenure. He probably never thought of abolishing the coal and iron police and the adoption of an old age pension until he read of them in the Democratic platform, adopted by the party and accepted by the candidates three months ago, and now he is handing out a guarantee for the end of the evil and the creation of the virtue in the event of his election. He is silent on the real issue of the campaign, which is the right of communities to home government, including local police regulation. His appeals to ignorance and prejudice and it will fail.

Republican Organization Abandons its Ticket

The Republican organization of Pennsylvania has either abdicated its functions as a political party or abandoned its candidates to their own resources. Our system of government is one of party rather than individual, the purpose being to fix responsibility for the misuse of power conferred. Almost from the beginning of the government two major parties have existed and each has made its appeal for popular support by a statement of principles and purposes in the form of a platform. But the Republican party of Pennsylvania will have no platform this year. The leaders are not willing to assume responsibility for the absurd promises Pinchot is making.

As a matter of fact the leaders of the Republican party in Pennsylvania are wise in thus shifting responsibility for the actions of their candidates. No two of their candidates are in agreement on any subject. Mr. Pinchot has promised to depose the Public Service Commission, and all his associates on the ticket favor the continuance of that board. Judge Maxey is an emphatically opposed to the Pinchot idea of enforcement of prohibition as Mr. Pinchot is in favor of it, and as a Justice of the Supreme court he would have much greater power in the matter. In any event the Mellons and other leaders of the party are not willing to underwrite the fool pledges of Pinchot.

There are two ways of construing the policy of the Republican organization as declared by General Martin, chairman of the State committee. It may be, as is widely suspected, that the organization wants to give free hand to the voters of the party to vote for John M. Hemphill for Governor and thus end forever the opportunity for Pinchot to pester them. Or it is possible that the organization proposes to let the candidates run wild, "every fellow for himself and the devil take the hindmost." In that way they might save part of the ticket without assuming obligations for any part of it. There is certainly some unexplained reason for the unusual action.

Senator Norris, of Nebraska, spent \$200 for his nomination, Mrs. McCormick, of Illinois, spent about \$300,000. There's a distinction.

Pinchot Steeped in Party Prejudice.

In the campaign of 1928 the question of power control between the people and the monopolists was clearly defined. The Democratic candidate for President openly declared in favor of the preservation in the hands of the people of the right to own and operate the water courses which produced power, and the Republican candidate avowed the opposite policy. Upon this issue Senator Norris, of Nebraska, a Republican statesman of keen discernment, bolted his party and earnestly supported Governor Smith, the Democratic candidate. "It is the vital issue of the campaign," he said, "and in devotion to the interests of the people as against those of monopoly he made many speeches for Mr. Smith.

The same question was put up to Gifford Pinchot. His attention was called to the attitude of the candidates and to the importance of the subject. He had long professed a deep interest in, and grave apprehension of the danger to the public from the increasing force of the power monopoly. But he chose to support Mr. Hoover for the reason that the election of his opponent might endanger the ascendancy of the Republican party. This action on the part of Gifford Pinchot clearly reveals the fact that he had greater concern for the party than for the people. He has freely and frequently given lip service in the crucial contest between monopoly and justice but under the acid test betrayed his trust.

Now that Mr. Pinchot wants the support of the people in his aspirations for office he promises valiant services against the monopoly, which by his vote two years ago he helped to entrench in power almost, if not altogether, beyond recovery. It was not that he failed to understand the importance of his action. He had previously called public attention to the danger that was imminent. But he is so obsessed with partisan bigotry that he was willing to sacrifice the people in the interest of his party. Why should any Democrat vote for, or honor, a Republican steeped in partisan prejudice as this episode in the life of Gifford Pinchot proves him to be?

The price of Mr. Hoover's book on fishing is \$7 a copy. Luckily the edition is small.

Mass Attack on Raskob.

The administration henchmen are still moving in massed form for the scalp of chairman Raskob, of the Democratic National committee. First chairman Fess, of the Republican organization, accused Mr. Raskob of slandering President Hoover. Then the \$25,000 a year executive head of the organization, Mr. Lucas, took a turn and finally Mr. Tilson, floor leader of the party in the House of Representatives, has been drafted into the service. The sum and substance of their complaints is that the Publicity Bureau of the Democratic National committee has told part of the truth concerning Mr. Hoover's delinquencies.

The fact of the matter is that in pursuance of a long established custom of both parties the Democratic National committee, some months ago, organized a publicity bureau and appointed a very capable news paper man, Mr. Charles J. Michelson to conduct it. Under his direction several prominent men, mainly Senators and Representatives in Congress, have pointed out the failings and weaknesses of the administration just as the Republican organization bureau had assailed the administrations of Grover Cleveland and Woodrow Wilson. The difference is that neither of the Democratic Presidents was so vulnerable to attack.

There is one other difference. The Republicans lack the spirit of sportsmanship. They run and cry whenever a successful thrust is made. Every charge made by the Democratic bureau is supported by the records and sustained by the facts. There has been no concealment of the authority under which they have been promulgated and no anonymity in the matter. And there was no slander unless interpreted under the common law principle, "the greater truth the greater the libel." Every charge made under the auspices of the Democratic committee is absolutely true and susceptible of proof.

Remarkable as it may seem the prolonged drought in Centre county, this summer, apparently did not affect the cows, as milk production was in excess of last year, according to shipments over the Pennsylvania railroad. For the month of August the revenue at the Bellefonte depot for milk shipments was over \$2100 in excess of the figures for August 1929.

The more or less esteemed Philadelphia Inquirer informs the public that General Martin and Gifford Pinchot are in complete accord on the methods of the campaign. It might have added that if Pinchot is elected he will be in full accord with the machine in distributing the patronage.

Bids will be opened by the State Highway Department, September 25th, for the construction of 42 of a mile of concrete highway and a concrete bridge in Snow Shoe township, Centre county.

Mayor Mackey, of Philadelphia, is home from Europe long enough to tell who he favors for Governor. According to the vote last fall, however, it doesn't make much difference.

The Liberal party women of the State want to know how candidates for the General Assembly feel on the Snyder law and have mailed 60,000 letters to find out.

The radical element of the British Labor party may set the cause back by insisting on too much haste. There is danger in over-speeding.

The Republicans of Virginia are already tired of Bishop Cannon. His partner, Bascom Slem, is in Europe and decency has asserted itself.

Mr. Pinchot discusses prohibition in the language of a demagogue. Mr. Hemphill employs the reasoning of a statesman. There's a difference.

The veterans of the World war show keen appreciation of the honor bestowed upon "Buddy" John M. Hemphill whenever they have the chance.

If it be true that Pinchot stole 100,000 votes from Brown in the May primary the Forester is no pikier in the art of political larceny.

Mrs. Ruth McCormick has surrendered to the wet sentiment of Illinois. She says she'll vote wet if the people want her to.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

IN CENTRE COUNTY. Items from the Watchman issue of September 17, 1880.

Mr. Joseph Ceader put himself inside his new clothes, took his valise in his hand and hid himself off to the city last week. It is his first absence from home in five years and he has earned his holiday.

Alex Chaney, of the firm of Chaney and Thompson, of Port Matilda, met with a painful accident on the 6th. While trying to get onto a truck load of logs which was being taken to the saw mill, one foot slipped and was run over by one of the wheels, crushing it badly. He is now on crutches.

William Clark, who was a citizen of Centre county thirty-five years ago, is here from Three Rivers, Mich., for a visit in this section. He is a brother-in-law of Henry and Joseph Twitmore of this place and at one time was a blacksmith at Harrisonville, which is now called Horntown, at Pleasant Gap.

Co. B, "Bellefonte Fencibles," arrived home from camp, on Monday night, and marched directly from the train to the Bush house, where landlord Peters served the entire organization with a complimentary supper.

Daniel Kuhns, of Eagleville, died on Sunday last and was buried on Tuesday. He was 76 years old.

Mr. Agnew Sellers, of Buffalo Run, shot a chicken hawk one day last week that measured four feet from tip to tip of wings and twenty-two inches from bill to point of tail.

The Veteran Reserves of this county will hold their annual picnic at Unionville, on the 25th. Special trains will be run over the Bald Eagle Valley R. R.

From the Binghamton, N. Y., Sunday Tribune we clip the following: Miss Kate Schnell, of Bellefonte, Pa., a sister of Joseph Schnell Jr., has been appointed manager of the Central Telephone exchange in this city. The appointment is an excellent one, Miss Schnell being a highly accomplished woman." In this connection we will just mention that Miss Mary E. Schnell, of this place, has just returned from an extended trip in the West.

W. F. Reynolds Esq., did a clever and graceful thing, the other day, when he told the Hancock Legion boys to order fifty more uniforms and send the bill to him. Mr. Reynolds is, always was and always will be a Democrat.

Philpsburg is to have Francis Murphy for a series of talks. He will begin there next week and we can hardly wait to hear how many sign the pledge under his mysterious spell.

Mr. George L. Potter, younger son of Dr. G. L. Potter, deceased, who learned the trade of machinist in Renovo, is now firing an engine on the P. and E., with a run from Renovo to Kane. (Editor's note—From that start Mr. Potter worked himself along in railroad circles until he became a vice president of the Baltimore and Ohio R. R.

Mr. G. W. F. Gray, of Buffalo Run, requests us to say that he has a cider mill that can "take them all down." With two horses he can grind 140 bushels of apples per hour and his press squeezes four gallons of juice out of a bushel of ordinary apples.

The Bellefonte "Hancock Legion" won the admiration of the Lock Havers when they paraded there last Tuesday evening. Their marching was superb and simply astonished the residents of our sister town.

The Democrats and Greenbackers elected their Governor in Maine, on Tuesday, captured three Congressmen and put the political complexion of the Legislature in debt.

Hazel—Narregan—At the Lutheran parsonage in Bellefonte, by the Rev. S. E. Furst, Mr. Michael F. Hazel, of Bellefonte, and Miss Annie R. Narregan, of Pine Grove Mills.

Grant—Taylor—On the 14th of September, in Milesburg, by Rev. J. A. Woodcock, Mr. John Grant, of Berwick, Pa., and Miss Agnes Taylor, of Milesburg.

The dedication of the U. B. church on the Buffalo Run and Port Matilda circuit was made on Sunday Sept. 12. Revs. M. Spangler, J. M. Smith, J. F. Tallhelm, B. J. Hummel and L. W. Stahl were in charge of the ceremonies. The new church is 26x40, with a 16 ft. ceiling and was built by John and George Cole, of Bellefonte, assisted by H. Hartscock, of the Valley. John Carson did the plastering and H. Getts, of Tyrone, the painting. The church ground, furniture and all cost \$1150.00 and all was paid for on dedication day.

The campaign is now on in earnest and every Democrat in Centre county is under moral obligation to do his best for the ticket.

The Democrats of Pennsylvania have a splendid ticket and a worthy cause, and it will be our own fault if we fail to win.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

After chief of police James J. Welsh, of Doylestown, had been summoned to investigate two robberies there Saturday night, he returned to his home to find that his own residence had been robbed of a wrist watch.

Judge Samuel H. Gardner, of Pittsburgh, is going to have jurors in criminal court regardless of hard times. He was hearing excuses of twenty-four talesmen, on Monday, who did not want to serve when a young married woman said she couldn't serve because her husband was out of work and she did not have the car fare to go into the city. The Judge reached under his official robe and produced \$5 from his pocket-book and told her to take her place in the jury box.

Arthur A. Bland, 22, single, son of William E. Bland, was found dead from asphyxiation in the Phi Beta Lambda young men's club at Sunbury, on Sunday. He had attached a rubber tube to a gas jet and fastened the other end to his nostril, then turned on the gas. Coroner Fisher, of Northumberland county, said it was a case of suicide. His father said he knew of no reason why the son should take his own life. He was a clerk for the Pennsylvania railroad at Williamsport.

Vernon Deery, of Spring City, arraigned before Justice of the Peace Ellwanger, at Phoenixville, Friday, on a charge of violating traffic laws, pulled a "fast one" when he reached into a brief case and extracted 1350 pennies with which he paid the \$13.50 levied by the magistrate. The pennies were wrapped in paper. Ellwanger retailed by asking that Deery count them. Defendant complied. Then the Squire, fearing the account was not correct, made his own check. The entire transaction consumed more than an hour.

Leaving a trail of forgeries and embezzlements said to exceed \$20,000, Harold M. Dague, 34, auto dealer, at Coatesville, is missing and police throughout the country have been asked to assist in a search for him. Police state Dague disappeared Wednesday night. Since then investigators have been going over his books and have found many discrepancies, officials say. Robert Watterson, received a letter from Philadelphia from Dague saying his nerves were bad and he was leaving for a rest. He was accompanied by his wife.

Dr. Raymond J. Bower, a prominent physician of Williamsport, was found dead, a suicide, following a terrific explosion which wrecked his home and rocked houses over a large area, Sunday night. An investigation conducted by authorities, revealed that he had died of gas poisoning after he had closed himself in the kitchen and turned on three gas jets on the stove. The gas filled the entire house and was suddenly ignited by a small pilot light which had been left burning on the gas stove. The house was badly wrecked by the explosion.

Enroute to deliver a bouquet of flowers at the bedside of a relative who was ill, Mrs. Ella M. Kyle, 48, of South Lakemont, and her stepson, William Kyle, 13, were instantly killed when they were struck by an automobile driven by George Brenner, 53, of Hollidaysburg, on Saturday. The accident happened near the home of the victims as they were waiting for a trolley.

Brenner was arrested pending an inquest. Mrs. Kyle was enroute to the home of a daughter in Altoona, a grandchild, Elizabeth Dimond, 10 weeks old, being ill. The Dimond child died late on Sunday.

R. M. Barnett and sons Clair, Dowlings and Robert, of Punksatwney, recently visited the Beaver Run hunting camp at the head waters of Beaver Run in Potter county. When the party arrived at the camp they found that it had been visited by porcupines. The "porkies" had eaten their way through the flooring of the camp and chewed the dining table until it resembled lattice work. Not only had the quilled gentry ruined the table but they had whetted their appetites on two large aluminum kettles. Both kettles were chewed to bits, the porcupines consuming the metal in their avid search for salt.

Matt Brown, Scranton florist, "talked himself out" of a holdup while he was walking to his home in the outskirts of that city. When Brown was molested a short distance from his residence by two men, one of whom flashed a gun, he met their demands for his purse by the argument that he had no money and they were only wasting their time. Brown's oratory became so loud and continued so long that the owner of the house in front of which the holdup was staged flashed on the porch light and came out to see what the hubbub was about. The holdup men then hustled into their car and sped away.

Dauphin County Court on Tuesday heard argument in the injunction proceedings started by the publishers of three Democratic weeklies to restrain the State from paying for the advertisement of mercantile tax lists in 117 other newspapers. The publishers, James B. Werner, Somerset Democrat; Joe T. S. Cowan, Roscoe Herald, and F. W. Moser, Mercer Progress, contend the advertising was illegal because the lists were not published in at least one minority newspaper in the counties. Deputy Attorney General Phillips Moyer contends that last year's fiscal code repealed the previous law providing for advertisement in the minority paper.

A millionaire is wielding a scrubbing brush at the Lackawanna county jail. It was revealed Saturday, and grins grimly while doing it. Edmund B. Jermyn, former Mayor of Scranton, and who began a year's sentence last Monday after his conviction in the slot machine graft expose there, has been made a member of the sanitation squad at the jail. The squad reports for work about 7 A. M. each day and continues to work until 5 or 6 P. M. Its duties are to keep the corridors, floors and walls clean. Jermyn, according to jail attaches, has accepted his task in the best of spirits and doing his scrubbing cheerfully. Ironically enough, warden Harry Davis formerly was a captain on the city police force and was retired by Jermyn's orders. Jermyn's cousin, Harry J. Friend, and Vincent A. Brennan, a former Philadelphia convict, with him in the slot machine case, also are members of the scrubbing brush squad.